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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The present Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 20, 2001 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended prior to examination on the merits as indicated below.

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